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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISTANBUL 1734

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: ASEC, CVIS, TU

SUBJECT: MURDER THREATS-SEVERAL AMERICAN AMBASSADORS

REF: ISTANBUL 1702

1. REFTTEL REPORTED THREAT MADE BY TURKISH CITIZEN EROL YARALI TO QTE KILL THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHERS UNQTE. FOLLOWING ARREST OF YARALI BY TURKISH POLICE, CONGEN WAS INFORMED BY POLICE THEY COULD HOLD YARALI FOR NO MORE THAN 48 HOURS IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL WRITTEN COMPLAINT. FOLLOWING CONGEN/EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO IN CONSULTATION WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TOOK POSITION THAT DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO PROSECUTE YARALI WAS ONE TO BE MADE BY TNP AUTHORITIES IN ISTANBUL. UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH TNP, ISTANBUL, THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DECISION TO PROSECUTE WAS THEIRS BUT THAT IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC CHARGES, I.E. WRITTEN STATEMENT OF FACT, PROSECUTOR WOULD HAVE NO EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO BASE CASE. FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION IN WHICH WE STRESSED THAT DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PROSECUTE WAS TNP'S DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF BALCI INDICATED THAT HE WOULD TURN YARALI OVER TO PUBLIC PROSECUTOR. WE NOTED THAT IF COURT REQUESTS EVIDENCE FROM CONGEN WE WOULD DEAL WITH REQUEST AT THAT TIME. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, INCIDENT WITNESSED BY CONOFF PETER ORR, MARINE GUARD, AND OTHERS.

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2. FOR ANKARA: ASSUMING COURT REQUESTS TESTIMONY OR OTHER  
EVIDENCE DOES EMBASSY AS POLICY MATTER WISH PURSUE CASE OR REQUEST  
PROSECUTOR TO DROP IT.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: IF CASE TO BE PURSUED AND IF COURT  
REQUESTS TESTIMONY OR WRITTEN EVIDENCE DO CONGEN OFFS ENJOY  
IMMUNITY FROM SUCH REQUESTS, AND IF SO, WOULD DEPT  
BE WILLING WAIVE IMMUNITY?  
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